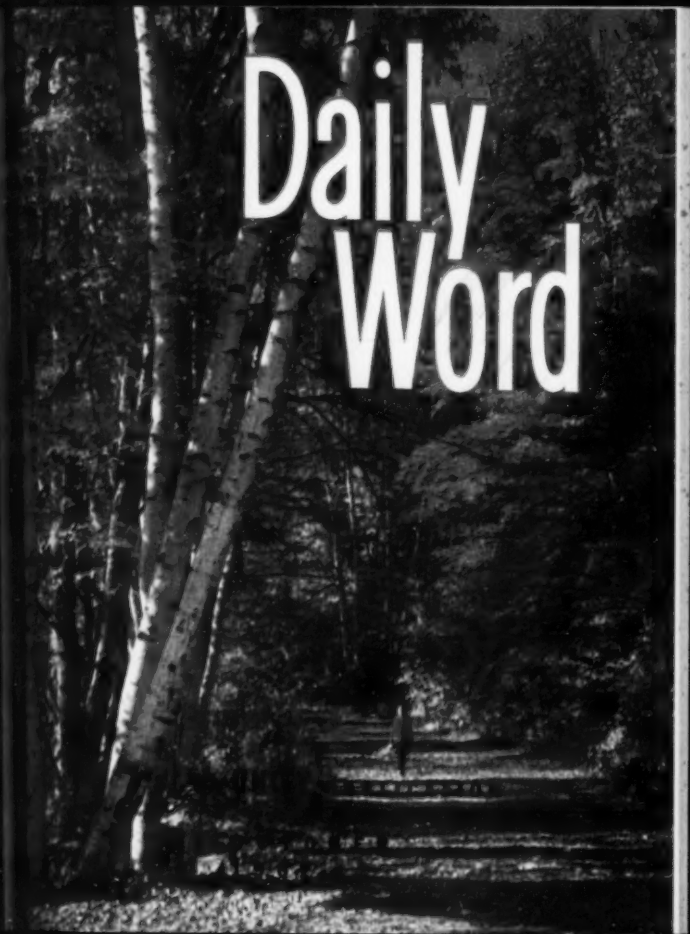


# Daily Word



## *Pray with Silent Unity*

PEACE . . . Let liberty, justice, peace, love, and understanding be established throughout the world, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding, and inspired to right action for the mutual security of all mankind.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: The Christ Mind illumines and guides me. I walk in the light.

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PRAYER FOR PROSPERITY: The Christ Mind quickens my understanding of supply. I am prosperous and successful.

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PRAYER FOR HEALING: The Christ Mind raises me to a new understanding of abundant life, and I am healed.

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"And then I might believe what I have  
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A rosebud opening into a flower,  
A line of cloud-peaks into ranges piled,  
The wonder on the features of a child.

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## *The River At His Root*

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN



I BREATHE into the air. Outside my window is a tree. The tree takes my breath, mixes it with water and sunlight, and makes green leaves. As it does this, the tree in its turn breathes into

the air. I breathed out carbon dioxide, which the tree needs, but the tree breathes out oxygen, which I need.

The universe is a divine economy. It runs by the free interchange that takes place between its elements. I take. I use. I give. What I give, another takes, uses, and gives in his turn. Each part of being has its own gift to make. Nothing that I receive do I give back exactly as I received it. Because I am in it, the universe is more than it was. I enrich it by my gifts.

All of us must give—willingly or reluctantly. And we must give all we have; in the end, life will let us hold nothing back. We have the use of

many things—for a moment, as with a breath or a thought; for a year or two, as with a coat or a pair of shoes; for many years, as with a house or an inheritance. But we cannot hold onto anything too long. If we do, we will wish we had let it go. We cannot hold onto breath. We cannot hold onto time. Mice and mold spoil the grain kept too long in the granary. The most cleverly hidden gold—the treasure in the tombs of Egypt and China—in time falls into the hands of robbers or is forgotten by all men and returns for a season into the bosom of the earth.

This is the parable of the talents. When we merely try to hold onto what is given us, life may take away even that. But when we use what life has given us, when we in our turn give freely, then we may hear the voice of the Master of life, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . I will set thee over many things."

Life seeks to give itself. Eons of evolution culminate in every sprouting seed, and would sweep farther on. Every living creature is the product of perfection's hungering to bring forth a perfect thing, and all the forces of heaven and earth converge around it and offer themselves to bring it to fulfillment.

The universe holds nothing back. Atom and sun offer their fire. Truths—imagination has not

dreamed of—trip over themselves, trying to make us see them, hoping to be found and used. Powers, that would stagger reason, lie pent in every crack of space and coil of mind, eager to come forth and do our bidding. Blessings wait everywhere, hungering to bestow themselves, to reshape life and the world, to enable man to surpass all he has ever done or been.

Why then do so few of us reach out and partake? Why are there so few George Washington Carvers? Edisons? Einsteins? Charles Fillmores? The music of life gushes forth continually. Why do so few Mozarts ever seem to hear?

Is it that we believe that all things must be earned by sweat and tears?

Is it that we believe that life is meant to be hard and full of suffering?

Is it that we do not believe in the good will of God?

Truth beats at the gates of our mind, but we will not let it in.

Love offers itself in love, and we demand, "What is your price?"

We will not accept our good though it reaches out to us. "I am unworthy. I am inadequate," we cry.

We insist that life be niggardly when it would be only spendthrift with us. For life loves to be

spendthrift. It weights the vine till it sags and bends the tree to the ground with fruit. It crams the meadow with daisies. It spills song out of the bird. And it beats at our brain with ideas, like rain against a window.

Life cries, "Yet more! Yet more!"

Life gives itself as the sun gives itself, with no thought of holding back. The sun has no thought of making its light hard for us to have.

Life gives itself as a flower gives itself. Effortlessly, easily, in its own perfect time, a flower opens its petals.

Life gives itself as rain gives itself. Rain does not ask of one, "Are you worthy?" Or of another, "Have you the price?"

Life gives.

Life gives abundantly.

"I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly," said the Master of life.

And He lived abundantly, naturally, effortlessly as it is right for one to live who is part of the great economy of nature, infinity's beloved child. For He knew that He had only to give what was His to give, and all the treasures of the universe would be opened up to Him. He knew that He was one with the One, and therefore one with the all—and the One-in-all would gather its powers to feed and care for Him—sending ravens, if

need be, as it sent ravens to Elijah. He was a great giver and He knew that life is the great giving.

"Give, and it shall be given," cries the Lord of life, "pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Not pay, and you shall be paid.

Not suffer, and you shall be suffered.

Not labor, and you shall be recompensed for your labor.

Everywhere we look we see life giving itself. We hear it telling us that it is meant to be a giving. It is not meant to be hard and painful. It is meant to be natural, easy, effortless.

We have our part to fill, but it is not a hard part. We do not have to pay in pain for the good life lavishes on us. We pay by giving in our turn our own gift.

Life never asks payment for anything. Life gives. We only have to pay when we refuse to give.

This is the great lesson of nature. All things offer themselves. The water does not shrink from our lips, nor the light from our eyes, nor the air from our throats, crying, "Suffer for me. Labor for me. Pay for me."

The earth gives. The sun gives. The universe gives. The farthest stars rain down their light and ask but that we lift our eyes and look up

through the dark to take the golden glory in.

It is no accident that the greatest artists of all work effortlessly. The beauty of God pours out of them. Because they labor over every word? Because they rewrite every phrase of music? Because they rub out and repeat the brush stroke ten thousand times?

Ah, no! Poetry gushed out of Shakespeare. Music cascaded out of Mozart. Michelangelo filled walls, ceilings, canvases with his masterpieces, carved stone, and molded metal.

The great Sung painters of China, masters of Zen, painted pictures as beautiful as men have ever painted. It is told of one of them that after a long, productive life he painted a landscape so perfectly that he then stepped into it and vanished from human view.

Yet these men worked on silk with brushes, so it was impossible to erase a single stroke! They gave themselves to their subject. Then, as freely, easily, and spontaneously as life forms a cloud or a sunset or a daisy, they fashioned their painting.

Is such effortlessness the essence of grace?

Theologians like to talk about the grace of God. This is just another way of saying that God is love. God does not give you blessings because you deserve them or have worked hard to earn them, but because He is love. God loves you. And

out of His infinite love He gives—not according to your merit but according to His mercy.

Love does not exact pain-payment. Love does not give so that it may receive. Love does not ask to be returned. Love does not offer terms. Love gives because its nature is to give.

God is love. He does not say, "You must do thus and so. Then I will love you."

Does the spring rain say to the seed in the ground, "You must do thus and so, then I will let you grow"?

God is not a keeper of accounts. He is the Giver of good.

The most important things you have were not earned. They are gifts.

Your body is a gift.

Your mind is a gift.

Your capacity for life, thought, feeling, action is a gift.

Your children are a gift.

Do you have talents? The other name for talent is gift.

Youth is a gift.

Long life is a gift.

Let us then give as we have received. Life will always strike the balance in our favor. Give as freely as we are able, we will never give back more than a fraction of what we receive. But

that is the way life would have it. We are life's beloved children. It gives to us as we give to our children and to those we love.

Nothing in life says, "Pay!" But the whole universe thunders by its example, "Give!" What a world of difference between these words! So long as we think in terms of payment, the world is a drab place where we labor for hire. It is a countinghouse, not the palace of a king. It is a slave-compound, not the house of the sons of God. But we only have to labor for hire when we do not give ourselves in love.

The law of the countinghouse is: Work, and you will be paid. But love and life whisper the promise: Give, and it shall be given. How different life would be if we were not to labor grudgingly but to give willingly.

Every man knows in his heart—even if he himself cannot live by what he knows—that men live to their utmost when they give to their utmost. It is the men who give the most who live the best. Such are the heroes and the geniuses and the saints.

But God is no respecter of persons. We do not have to be perfect or great or good for Him to use us. We have only to want to give.

Lincoln failed at almost everything he tried. Joan of Arc was an ignorant peasant girl. Mo-



hammed was an illiterate caravan guide. Jesus was a carpenter's son. But all these learned the true art of giving. They gave not out of the poverty of themselves, but out of the riches of God.

This is to give as a well gives. For a well is little in itself but taps the deep and hidden rivers under the earth. A man is more than a well. God Himself is the river at his root.

Give, and it shall be given—not out of the littleness of self, but out of the largeness and largess of the Lord of life.

#### THERE IS A LIGHT THAT SHINES FOR YOU

You need never feel alone—not even on the darkest night. Silent Unity is no farther from you than a prayer's length.

In a room of a building in Unity Village where a light is shining from a window someone is praying, someone with a spirit kindred to your own, someone whose thoughts reach out to you in faith, someone whose heart reaches out to you in love. The light in this window shines for you.

You can reach Silent Unity by telegraph, Unity, WUX, Kansas City, Missouri, by telephone, LAclede 4-3550, Lee's Summit, Missouri, or by letter to Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Silent Unity is as the Christ light lit in the window of the world. If you are a traveler on the road of prayer, this light shines for you.

I CARRY FORWARD IN MY DAILY LIFE THE INSPIRATION THAT COMES TO ME IN PRAYER.

JESUS LIVED a life of prayer. He knew that prayer makes real the presence and power of God and He gave specific instructions in regard to prayer. He said: "When thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee."

Quietly, immediately, anywhere, and at any time, we may enter the inner chamber, for it is at the center of our being. We shut the door by turning our attention from the without to the within. We shut the door by becoming impervious to all that would distract our attention.

Prayer is man's opportunity to talk with God. Prayer is God's opportunity to inspire and enlighten man. In prayer we feel God's peace and power. We feel the warmth of His love. All our problems drop away. We feel renewed and refreshed and we carry forward in our daily life the inspiration that comes to us in prayer.

♣ *When thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber.*  
—MATT. 6:6.

OCTOBER 2

Monday

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I GIVE THANKS  
FOR ALL MY BLESSINGS.

**B**Y MAGNIFYING the things in our life that seem lacking in good, we keep from us the very good we need. The good we need cannot come forth because our thoughts are centered on the lack of good.

We can turn our attention from lack by counting our blessings. A blessing is the good in our life for which we are thankful. We can write down our blessings. We can think about them. Or we can voice our blessings. As we do one or all of these things, we will see how many blessings we have, and how much we have to be thankful for.

A thankful attitude helps us to be open and receptive. When our mind is open and receptive, new ideas come to us. We can develop these ideas and use them to bring greater good into our life.

Giving thanks for the blessings we already have and for blessings yet to come increases our awareness of our blessings. Counting our blessings helps us to think, feel, do, and expect only good.

✦ *Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.—EPH. 5:20.*

Tuesday

OCTOBER 3

I AM NOT OVERWHELMED BY MY MOODS AND EMOTIONS. I CLAIM THE PEACE THAT IS OF GOD.

WE MAY sometimes feel that we are victims of our moods and emotions. But God created man to have dominion, and this dominion begins with our own thoughts and feelings. When we find confusing moods of fear, worry, despair, or anger threatening to overwhelm us, let us say to our turbulent thoughts: "Peace, be still. I claim the peace that is of God."

There are poise, balance, and sanity at the heart of creation. There is dynamic peace in the progression of the planets and the orderly cycles of life and growth that are continually unfolding about us. When we become still and claim our share of the divine harmony and peace that shine at the heart of life, we find that there is a center of balance and peace within us also. We need not create it or seek to understand it. We need only to become aware of it.

As we claim the peace that is of God, we are no longer victims of our moods.

♣ *God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.—I COR. 14:33.*

OCTOBER 4

Wednesday

I AM CALM, POISED, AND RELAXED. MY LIFE  
IS ESTABLISHED IN GOD.

**T**HERE IS only one life, God's life, and this life flows through you now. You are a part of the life of God. You are an expression of Him, your body is His holy temple. Because this is true, there is no reason to fear, there is no cause for anxiety. God is in you, His life is your life, His healing Spirit is always at work in you.

Calmness, poise, perfect relaxation are states of mind that contribute to healing. The more you practice keeping your thoughts centered in God, the easier it will be for you. Every time a thought of fear or doubt arises, go back to the central idea that your life is established in God. To know this, to abide in this realization is to be perfectly poised, to be serene, to be truly tranquil in mind, body, and emotions.

When, deep in your heart, you know that God's healing work is being done in you, the surface thoughts and feelings are quieted, fear departs from you and faith rules. You are calm, poised, and relaxed. Your life is established in God.

♣ *That life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith.*—GAL. 2:20.

AS A NEW DOOR OF GOOD OPENS TO ME, I  
GO FORWARD WITH A CONFIDENT SPIRIT TO  
A LIFE OF HAPPINESS, ABUNDANT LIVING,  
AND SATISFYING ACHIEVEMENT.

**C**HANGES come to all of us from time to time. Perhaps we are going away to school for the first time. Perhaps we are having to make a change in our environment, our work, or in our way of life.

Change is good. It is an opportunity to learn and to go forward. It is an opportunity to think new thoughts and to make new decisions. It is an opportunity to bless and to be a blessing.

When changes come, let us know that we are spiritually endowed with all the qualities we need to make changes easily. We have a flexible, confident, poised spirit. We have the ability to deal successfully with every change.

How courageous and serene we are in the thought that God is always with us. To rely momentarily on God's help makes us invulnerable to fear, doubt, anxiety, and misgivings.

*A man's goings are established of Jehovah;  
And he delighteth in his way.*

—PSALMS 37:23.

OCTOBER 6

Friday

I HAVE FAITH IN GOD TO SUPPLY MY EVERY  
NEED.

THE RELATIONSHIP between prayer and prosperity is very real. As we, through prayer, come into an awareness of ourselves as children of God, we come to know Him as our Creator and as our ever-present source of supply.

If we have thought of prosperity as material only, we are mistaken. Prosperity is the bringing forth of the good will of the Father for us, the realization of the wondrous provision that a loving God has made for His children.

When it seems to us that our need is in the material realm only, when we need money or food or clothing or shelter or employment, let us remember Jesus' words: "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Do not hesitate to take your needs to God in prayer. Open your heart and mind to the loving, living presence of God. Open your life to the good that God is continually pouring out on His creation. God's will for you is good. God's will for you is a free, happy, and successful life.

♣ *All these things shall be added unto you.*—MATT.  
6:33.

## Saturday

OCTOBER 7

I THANKFULLY ACCEPT GOD'S LOVING FORGIVENESS.

**D**O YOU LONG for forgiveness? It is yours now! God is with you, right now, pouring out His love on you, giving you the gift of His peace, extending to you the forgiveness for which you long.

God never withholds His love and forgiveness. Neither must we withhold our acceptance of them. We need not stay in a dejected or discouraged state of mind. We should not continue to berate ourselves or condemn ourselves for the things we have done or left undone. God in us is saying to us, "Rise up. Face the light. My love is with you; My forgiveness is with you; My Truth is given to you. The past is gone; the present is yours. It is filled with infinite possibilities for good. Life stretches before you, opening to you new paths, new ways. Follow Me. I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Let your prayer for forgiveness be a prayer of acceptance, a prayer of thankfulness to God for His freeing, forgiving love.

♣ *Bless Jehovah . . . who forgiveth all thine iniquities.*  
—PSALMS 103:2, 3.



THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK ARE FILLED WITH  
POWER AND AUTHORITY.

**I**N MANY incidents in the New Testament Jesus taught the importance of the spoken word. At one time He pointed out to the scribes and Pharisees that carelessly spoken words "defile the man." We realize that we need to watch our words. We realize the need to send forth good word-messengers, the need to equip our word-messengers with power and authority.

In order to give power to our spoken word, we must first know that we are "joint-heirs with Christ." As heirs we have the right to identify ourselves with God's good. Knowing this we can then become the master of our thoughts, words, and deeds by identifying them with God, the good.

We can say: "I take my stand with Christ. The words that I speak are filled with power and authority. Speaking the word, I make myself one with the good I need in thought, word, and deed." Day by day as we steadfastly think, feel, and affirm this, we begin to feel new power unfold within us and we sense our divine authority.

♣ *The words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.*—JOHN 6:63.

## Monday

OCTOBER 9

"THE LIGHT OF GOD SURROUNDS ME;  
THE LOVE OF GOD INFOLDS ME;  
THE POWER OF GOD PROTECTS ME;  
THE PRESENCE OF GOD WATCHES OVER ME.  
WHEREVER I AM, GOD IS!"

**T**HIS IS A special protection prayer that is used by Silent Unity, the prayer group of Unity School. Each line of this prayer is meaningful and can be applied to the present circumstances of life. If you are in need of guidance, remember: "The light of God surrounds me." If you are lonely, without friends, be assured: "The love of God infolds me." If you face some danger, lean trustingly on this thought: "The power of God protects me." If you are entering a strange, new experience, know that: "The presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is!"

We, in Silent Unity, use this prayer daily. Would you like to have a copy for your own use? We will be happy to send you one. If you would like to have extra copies—for a friend who is taking a trip or for a loved one who is away—we will be happy to send you extra copies.

♣ *The eternal God is thy dwelling place.*—DEUT. 33:27.

THE MIND THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS IS IN ME. ALL THE IDEAS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR GROWTH AND PROGRESS ARE HERE. I AM OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO THESE IDEAS.

JESUS PRAYED for inspiration; He never groped helplessly for ideas. Jesus fearlessly followed the divine guidance that came to Him; He never doubted His ability to fulfill the instruction He received from His Father-God.

I, too, pray for inspiration. And I find that I am no longer bound to old, limited, outworn ideas. I, too, fearlessly follow the divine guidance that comes to me from my Father-God. I never doubt my ability to do the things that I am inspired to do, or to take the steps my Father's wisdom bids me take.

Prayer and action assure me that I was not created for standing still, I was created for growth and progress. The mind that was in Christ Jesus, the mind that is in me, quickens me to my true nature. This mind in me assures me that I can express the Christ of God as Jesus expressed His Christ indwelling.

♣ *Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*—PHIL. 2:5.

## GOD'S SPIRIT IN ME QUICKENS ME TO EXPECT JUSTICE.

**T**HE PERSON who expects to be treated unjustly needs to pray about his expectation as he needs to pray about the people with whom he has dealings. Trust in the integrity of others is important in the establishment of harmonious relationships. For somehow people sense the reactions of those with whom they are having business transactions and, feeling that they are trusted, they are inspired to be worthy of that trust.

When we pray to be wise and use good judgment, when we pray for divine guidance, we can rest in the faith that wisdom helps us to make right contacts. Good judgment reveals what is orderly for all concerned; divine guidance leads us to take proper steps, in the proper way, at the proper time. With this foundation on which to transact business, we need never fear unjust treatment. We need only to realize that we can expect the same courteous, honest, fair treatment we are prepared to give to others.

♣ *I know that this shall turn out . . . according to my earnest expectation.*—PHIL. 1:19, 20.

GOD IS WITH ME; GOD IS WORKING THROUGH ME. EVERYTHING I DO THIS DAY I DO WITH GOD AND FOR GOD.

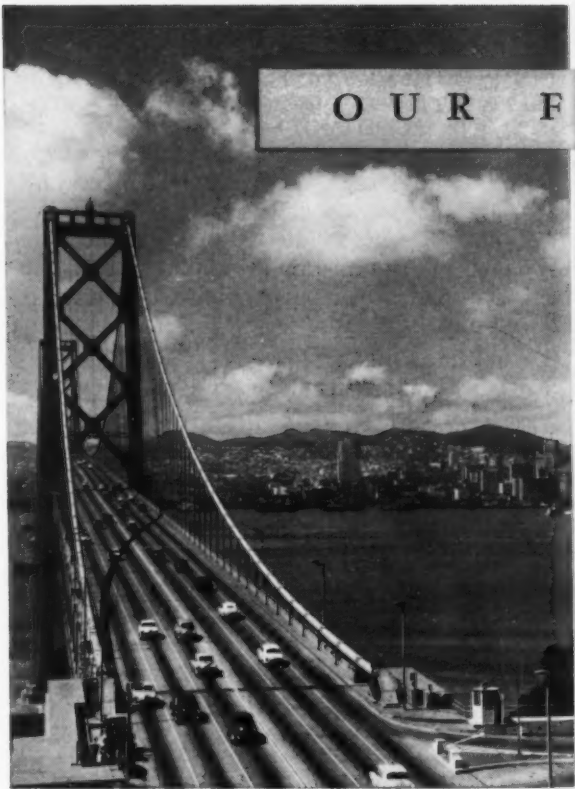
OUR ATTITUDE toward ourselves and toward what we are doing makes the difference between fatigue and strength, between boredom and enthusiasm. We can literally deplete ourselves by heavy, anxious thinking, by feelings of self-pity, frustration, or resentment.

If we inject the thought of God into our thinking, if we say to ourselves at the beginning of a day, "God is with me, God is working through me, everything I do this day I do with God and for God," we set the pattern of our thinking in a positive direction. We discover that we have unused reserves of energy, that we have mounting strength, that we have refreshing currents of life flowing in and through us to renew, to revive, to restore.

Turn to your Bible and read verses 28 to 31 in the 40th chapter of Isaiah. This is God's message to you today. This is the way in which you shall renew your strength.

♣ *They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength.*  
—ISA. 40:31.

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R. H. GRENVILLE

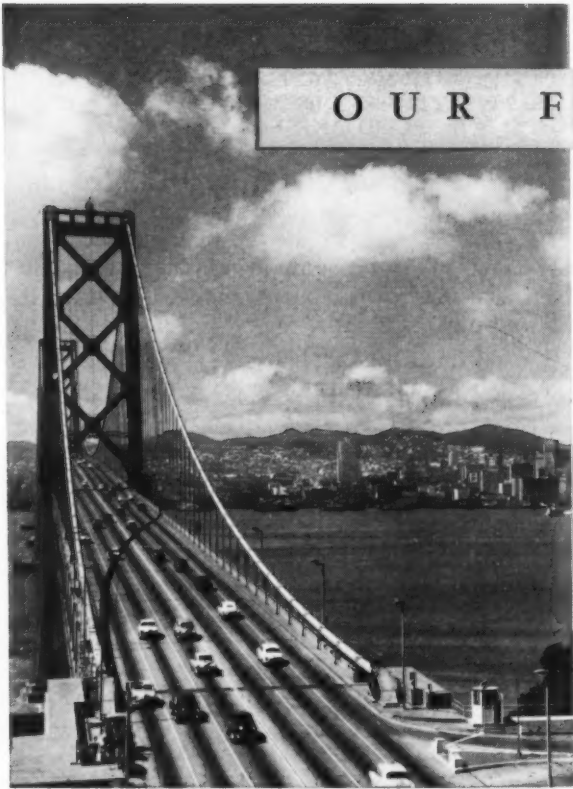
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I LOOSE AND LET GO THE PAST WITH A BLESSING. I FOCUS MY ENERGIES ON THE LIVING PRESENT.

**E**ACH EXPERIENCE of the past teaches us something, and when we have learned the lesson it offers, we should loose it and let it go with a blessing. In this way we focus our attention and energy on the living present.

"Forgetting the things which are behind," said the vigorous Paul, "I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Our "high calling" is to let the Christ Spirit shine through us. Our goal and prize is to give this transforming Spirit full charge of our life and affairs, as Jesus gave it complete expression in His life.

God calls us to live today, this hour, this moment, by the illumination of the Christ Spirit. As we loose the past with a blessing, and focus our attention and energy on the present, we learn to walk a new and living way, momentarily guided by our indwelling Christ.

♣ *Forgetting the things which are behind . . . I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*—PHIL. 3:14.

OCTOBER 14

## Saturday

THERE IS ONLY ONE PRESENCE AND ONE POWER IN THE UNIVERSE, GOD, THE GOOD OMNIPOTENT.

**T**O KNOW THAT there is only one presence and one power in the universe, God, the good omnipotent, is to be free from fear concerning our own well-being. It is to know that we and all mankind are held in God's protecting love.

This is the premise on which our faith rests—that there is one presence and one power, God, the good, at work in us, at work in the universe. Then we look at life with a clear vision, we have unshakable faith in the good. We take the stand that there is only God, only good, and we hold to it, no matter what the appearance. We have faith that the Spirit of God is in us and in all people and we keep faith with this Spirit. We see this Spirit at work, transforming the hearts and minds of men, and transforming our world.

This is God's world, we are His creation. There is nothing to fear, for God is with us. His Spirit is our spirit, His power is our power.

♣ *Let the whole earth be filled with his glory.*—PSALMS 72:19.

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

WHEN I AM doubtful as to how to handle some situation, I speak the words, "Let there be light." I know that the light of God is always shining at the heart of my being. I may not be aware of it because I have turned away from it. But as I speak the words, "Let there be light," I am drawn again into the light of Spirit, I see with clear vision, and I know what to do.

If ever I feel depressed or discouraged for any reason, I say to my mind and to my emotions, "Let there be light." I know that the Spirit of God in me is greater than my thoughts and feelings. I know that always the resurrecting Spirit stands ready to redeem and transform the negative, the dark, the downcast self. As I declare, "Let there be light," everything in me responds and answers joyously, "There is light."

When I pray for others, my finest prayer for them can be, "Let there be light." For in declaring light, in rejoicing in the light of God that is within them, I am beholding them as children of light, walking in the light, living in the light.

✦ *Let there be light.*—GEN. 1:3.

I UNDERSTAND THAT GOD'S WILL IS GOOD  
WILL AND I AM WILLING AND READY TO LET  
GOD'S GOOD WILL BE DONE IN ME.

PERSONAL WILLFULNESS creates hard conditions, it erects barriers, it separates man from the good that God has prepared for him. The person who is willful, the person who feels that things should be done, things should be said, life should be lived, as he dictates, is a person who needs to understand God's will. For, in reality, such a person is happy, free, and at peace only when he no longer finds it necessary to have his own way. Such a person is happy, free, and at peace when he learns to relax, to co-operate, and to let God's good will be done in him and through him.

As we understand the character of God's will—as Jesus understood it—we are able to say as He said: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done." So let us pray to understand God's will. Then we will relax, we will quit forcing issues with our personal will. Then we will willingly co-operate with the Christ in us and with the Christ in all the persons in our life's experience.

♣ *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done.*—MATT. 6:10.

## Tuesday

OCTOBER 17

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND HIS INFINITE POWER AND GOODNESS ARE NOW MIGHTILY AT WORK, TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF MEN AND NATIONS.

IF WE SOMETIMES feel uneasy about international problems and tensions, let us meet every negative suggestion with a firm declaration of faith in God.

"The earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." God rules His creation, and His good purposes cannot be hindered by the fears or excesses of men. Whatever the appearance of confusion or chaos, the leaven of God's power is unceasingly at work. This power brings illumination into, and growth and progress out of every fermenting situation.

The earth is the Lord's and though the way may seem devious, the course of history is eternally upward. God's infinite power and goodness are manifesting increasingly, unceasingly, through human affairs. The startling or dramatic negative event may make headlines, but God's indestructible good is mightily at work in every part of the world, transforming the lives of men and nations.

♣ *The earth is the LORD'S.*—PSALMS 24:1 (A.V.).

HEALTH FILLS MY BODY, FOR I AM MOMENT-  
LY CONSCIOUS OF CHRIST'S RADIANT PRES-  
ENCE WITHIN ME.

I AM RADIANTLY healthy, energetic, alert, and vigorous. I am vitally and joyously alive. I am health-minded. I think about life. I speak only positive words of life. I praise and bless the eternal, perfect life of Christ within me.

No longer will I interfere with the perfect functioning of the Christ life within me by indulging in negative thoughts and emotions. No longer will I give way to thoughts and feelings of weakness and inefficiency.

I am health-minded. I am free from worry and fear. I give my thought to the perfect, free-flowing life of Christ within me. My mind is literally saturated with thoughts of health, wholeness, strength, and life. I live in a world of health and perfection.

I am health-minded. I rejoice in my rich heritage of life, health, and joy.

♣ *Choose life, that thou mayest live . . . to love Jehovah thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days.—DEUT. 30:19, 20.*

THE INCREASING, MULTIPLYING POWER OF  
GOD BLESSES AND PROSPERS ME AND MY  
AFFAIRS.

“GOD . . . GIVETH the increase.” When we need more money in order to meet the demands of daily living, what shall we do, where shall we turn? If we realize that all of our supply, material and spiritual, comes to us from God, and comes to us first in the form of ideas, we know that the one place to go for supply is to the source, to God. How do we go to God for supply, how do we make the connection between prayer and prosperity?

In praying to fulfill a need, it is well to translate the need into its spiritual counterpart, to see through the outer need to the inner need. Is our need for more money? Back of this need is the inner need for a greater realization of substance, a greater realization of the increasing, multiplying power of God that is at work in us and through us, the power that draws to us the good.

“God . . . giveth the increase,” through you, through your mind, through the work of your hands, through the affairs of your life.

♣ *Already ye are become rich.*—I COR. 4:8.



OCTOBER 20

Friday

I THINK, SPEAK, AND ACT IN ACCORD WITH  
MY DIVINE SELF.

JESUS THOUGHT, spoke, and acted in accord with His divine self. I, too, think, speak, and act in accord with my divine self, the Christ in me, the same divine self that was in Jesus.

I think in accord with my divine self. When I think in accord with my divine self, I think constructively. I maintain a calm, loving attitude. I am positive minded, kind, and considerate.

I speak in accord with my divine self. When I speak in accord with my divine self, my words help and heal, they bless and strengthen, they create right conditions. I speak with authority as I speak from my divine self.

I act in accord with my divine self. When I act in accord with my divine self, I have the divine self-consciousness. I act wisely and my actions bring happiness to myself and to others. Instead of being timid and shy, I have poise, assurance, and the friendly attitude that attracts pleasant experiences and assures others of pleasant companionship with me.

✦ *And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self.*—JOHN 17:5.

MY OWN COMES TO ME UNDER DIVINE LAW.

CAN ANYONE take from us that which rightfully belongs to us? No, for under God's law we are inseparably united with our good. No one can deprive us of it. Neither can we deprive another person of his good. Each of us is one with his source—God.

Let us not be misled into thinking that anyone or anything can stand between us and our good. Let us not feel deprived by persons, conditions, or circumstances. Let us not look at our life and think, "If only things had been different." Right now we are in the presence of God. Right now we are one with our good. Right now the good we seek is seeking us.

"Serene, I fold my hands and wait,  
Nor care for wind, or tide, or sea;  
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,  
For, lo! my own shall come to me."

When we enter into this realization of oneness with our good, we no longer believe in injustice. We are free and at peace, and we are open and ready channels through which the goodness of God finds expression.

♣ *Tby comforts delight my soul.*—PSALMS 94:19.

OCTOBER 22

## Sunday

GOD FREELY GIVES, AND I GRACIOUSLY RECEIVE.

IT IS NATURAL for us to want to give to other persons and make them happy. But giving is only half of God's law. It is just as important for us to receive God's good from others as it is for us to give of God's good. To both give and receive freely of the goodness of God brings about a perfect balance in our life.

If we find that it is not easy for us to receive, we need to know that we are just as deserving of God's good as are others. For we are all children of God. By not graciously receiving the good that others have to give to us, we are depriving them of a wonderful and satisfying joy.

We complete the law of giving and receiving by accepting the good that others offer to us in the same spirit of joy in which we give to them.

God uses us, His children, to do His good works. Let us be good receivers and open our mind and heart to God and His good. Let us be good channels for receiving as well as good channels of blessing.

✦ *It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*—LUKE 12:32.

# Monday

OCTOBER 23

I GIVE TO LIFE; LIFE GIVES TO ME.  
RICH, NEW PURPOSE IN LIVING I SEE.

**I**N OUR PRESENT way of life many persons make plans to retire from their regular occupation at a certain age. Some business firms have special provisions and set specific time limits on the service of their employees. So, wise persons endeavor to adjust their thoughts and their life to enable them to make constructive, enriching changes if and when such changes are in order.

Prayer helps us to make all changes constructive and enriching. Prayer helps us keep an open mind, a youthful attitude, a healthy interest in life. Prayer stimulates us to seek new ways of expressing our energy. Prayer reveals a way when there seems no way. Prayer helps us to re-enter life with new purpose.

To those contemplating retirement, to those who have friends or family who contemplate retirement, a prayer thought like today's helps dissipate any feeling of dejection. A prayer thought like today's brings fresh enthusiasm for a rewarding re-entry into a good life.

♣ *Walk in newness of life.*—ROM. 6:4.

I AM FREE, FOR I AM LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

**H**OW CAN we overcome habits that are detrimental to our mental, physical, and spiritual well-being? We begin by realizing that God is with us, that His Spirit in us is greater than any habit. Already, whether we realize it or not, we have the strength to overcome, we are filled with power from on high.

We long to feel totally alive, we long to be able to give expression to the qualities and abilities that we feel innately within us, to break down the barriers that seem to separate us from others, to enter into life freely and fully. This longing is one way that God has of speaking to us, of telling us that we are meant for great and good things, that we are capable of much more than we have yet expressed.

God is saying to us, "Do not try to hide from My Spirit, do not try to shut out My voice, do not try to retreat into a life that is half lived. I am with you. My spirit is strong, in you. My love is great in you. My life is lived through you."

♣ *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.—ROM. 8:14.*

DIVINE ORDER IS NOW EXPRESSED IN MY  
MIND, BODY, AND AFFAIRS.

**D**IVINE ORDER is now expressed in my mind. I think clearly, I understand readily, I remember perfectly. My mind is no longer cluttered with thoughts that are unproductive; it is no longer bound to any limitation that I may have placed on it. Divine order is now expressed in my mind.

Divine order is now expressed in my body. I am strong, healthy, vigorous. There is no lack of ease in my body, there is no appearance of in-harmony. My body is no longer bound to any limitation that I may have placed on it. Divine order is now expressed in my body.

Divine order is now expressed in my affairs. I am in my right place, doing the right things, in the right way. The people and the experiences that I meet are a blessing to me and I, in turn, pour out a blessing upon them. My affairs are no longer bound to any limitation that I may have placed on myself. Divine order is now expressed in my affairs.

I am now in divine order.

♣ *Let all things be done . . . in order.*—I COR. 14:40.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH GUIDES ME IN MY  
PRAYERS FOR OTHERS.

HOW DO WE use affirmative prayers to help others? When we make an affirmation for ourselves we state that which is eternally true of us, and we do likewise when we make an affirmation for another person. Rather than praying about the need of another person—health, supply, guidance, freedom—let us affirm the truth about him and for him.

We do not need to pray to God to bless another person. We need only to lift up our thoughts and know that already God is blessing him! God is within him, the source of all that he can need or desire. Does the one for whom we pray seek healing? God is his life. Does the one for whom we pray seek employment, a home? God is his supply and support. Does the one for whom we pray seek guidance, light, and encouragement? God is the Spirit of truth within him, God is his light, God is the lifting power within him. Whatever our dear ones seek, let us affirm the truth for them. Let us keep faith in the Spirit of God within them.

♣ *Lord, teach us to pray.*—LUKE 11:1.

WE ARE IN STRIDE WITH THE UPWARD, PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT OF LIFE AND WE ARE ALWAYS PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL. NOTHING CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR SUCCESS, WHICH IS INSPIRED BY SPIRIT.

WHEN ALL men are in stride with the upward, progressive movement of life, all men will be prosperous and successful. At the present moment many men allow thoughts and things to stand in the way of their success; they fail to let the inspiration of Spirit guide and direct them.

As men, the world over, unite themselves in prayer, as they realize that they are in stride with the upward, progressive movement of life, they will not feel envious and inferior, proud and superior, or in any way set apart from other men. The gains made in every field of endeavor, by men of every nation, will be gains for all men and all nations. For the same Spirit, the Spirit of God, works through every man.

Man is a spiritual being, and inspired by the Spirit he keeps in stride with the upward, progressive movement of life.

♣ *Friend, go up higher.*—LUKE 14:10.



OCTOBER 28

## Saturday

I LAY ASIDE ALL BURDENS. I REST IN THE LORD, AND MY SLEEP IS SOUND AND REFRESHING.

WHEN WE go to bed at night, let us lay aside the burdens of the day, just as we lay aside the day's clothing. As we lie down to rest, let us clothe ourselves in a garment of peace. Let us cover ourselves over with the knowledge of God's protecting presence, guarding us all through the night. Let us utterly relax in the love of God. This love unfailingly supports us, just as our bed supports our body.

Bless the day that is past, and let it go. Rest in the Lord, knowing that all things have worked together for good this day. Bless tomorrow, but do not anticipate its challenges. Rest in the Lord, knowing that tomorrow all things will work together for good.

In complete trust utterly relax, in this blessed time between today and tomorrow. Affirm: "I lay aside all burdens. I rest in the Lord. I close my eyes, and my sleep is sound and refreshing."

*In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;  
For thou . . . makest me dwell in safety.*

—PSALMS 4:8.

"GUIDE ME IN THY TRUTH, AND TEACH ME;  
FOR THOU ART THE GOD OF MY SALVATION."

IF WE FIND it difficult to make decisions, it is probably because we are trying to decide on a mental level only. We do not trust our own judgment when our mind is clouded by fear of doing or saying the wrong thing. We hesitate to act when we are not sure of the outcome.

When we go deeper than the mental level, when we go beyond just thinking and reasoning and open our mind to the pure wisdom of God, we find that answers are revealed. We are shown what to do and how to do it. Our mind, when it is in tune with God, is clear and unclouded, free from doubt and anxiety. Because we have the sure sense that God is with us in all that we do, we are able to follow fearlessly and courageously the guidance that comes to us. Even though we do not see the whole way ahead, we know that the outcome to our decision can only be good; we know that the answers to our prayers can only be good for us, and for everyone concerned.

*Guide me in thy truth, and teach me;  
For thou art the God of my salvation.*

—PSALMS 25:5.

OCTOBER 30

## Monday

AS GOD'S CHILD I KEEP FAITH IN THE GOOD.

**I** KEEP faith with God by honoring His idea of me. I think and behave as befits God's child.

The mind of God's child is clear, steadfast, and full of the light of divine understanding. I yield all things to the wisdom of the indwelling Christ, and my every step is blessed and guided.

The body of God's child is attuned to perfection, filled with radiant life and health. I bless and give thanks for my body as the perfect instrument of His Spirit within me.

The heart of God's child is the dwelling place of peace and love, it is filled with the joy of His presence. I acknowledge the presence of God in my heart, and through it greet the Christ of God in others. I am loving, generous, confident, and kind by the grace of His Spirit within me.

As a child of God, I keep faith in the good. My mind is clear, steadfast, and full of light; my body is attuned to perfection and is filled with radiant life and health; my heart is filled with peace, love, and joy.

♦ *Ye are a temple of God.*—I COR. 3:16.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 31

"BE OF GOOD CHEER."

WHEN A MAN'S heart seeks answers that elude him, when a man's mind searches for words to explain things he does not understand, when a man's spirit yearns for comfort, where does he turn? He may turn to other men, and if these men are attuned to the indwelling Spirit they can help him. They can lead him to find true answers, true words, true comfort. They can lead him to find his own indwelling Christ.

If other persons turn to us for solace, let us pray that our faith is strong, our vision is clear, our words are wise. Let us pray that we are not negatively sympathetic, or coldly unfeeling, but always compassionate and understanding, for this positive, loving attitude helps "to bind up the broken-hearted."

Let us pray that our calm, serene manner inspires others to be calm and serene. Let us pray that our quiet strength and our inner joy are contagious. Then the ones we would bless will catch the vision and find peace within themselves.

♣ *He hath sent me . . . to comfort all that mourn.*  
—ISA. 61:1, 2.

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The red and gold are in the leaf  
All summer long, unseen,  
And no one guesses they are there  
Beneath the outer green  
And so, unknown to anyone,  
The oak is flame and bronze  
Before the first nip of the frost  
On crisp October dawns;  
The maple wears a scarlet bough  
That ruffles in the breeze,  
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Nobody ever sees,  
And in our lives it is the same—  
We often hide from view  
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